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righteous, according to those whose standard was Miss Winfold, yet at the first word of her trouble friends came hurrying to her aid. Mr. Payne and Colonel Talbot, of course, were foremost, and each looked to find a limp, white, tearful creature, hunted, driven, not knowing whither to turn. Instead they found a collected young woman, faintly smiling, with eyes that grew wet for all her bravery when they let her know upon what errand they had come.

Yet she was not ice or marble, this wicked Rob. It was only that she had been stirred to a heat of wrath so white it burned away apprehension. The stealing of her stock, the midnight outrage upon Aunt Phemy, last of all Ben Topmark's pursuit of herself, had nerved her to set her teeth and say:

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not, then, because you have been so kind, I will put my pride in my pocket and take all the help I shall need."

After that there was nothing for it but to let her have her way, or at least agree to let her think she had it. Yet the very next day Mr. Payne rode to Oldbridge, intending to bid his own lawyer, Judge Graball, take the case and spare no pains, looking to him for fees. The judge heard him half through, the while fidgeting in his chair, then broke in upon the old gentleman, who, between haste and wrath, was short of breath:

"See here, Payne, a man may be a lawyer without being also an uncon-scionable scoundrel. Take that case! You couldn't keep me out of it with a log chain. Rob McGregor is my old college chum. Do you think his daughter needs any surety with me? Besides all that, I'm aching for a chance to get at Lawyer Howell. He's the very sharpest scoundrel at our bar, and that's saying a heap for him. I don't mind admitting to you that on the surface he has far the better case. Still, law is like poker in this-a pair of bowie knives have been known to beat four aces, especially when there is reason to think the deal was not strictly fair. I'd fight the thing through with pleasure if the girl were a mere cozy lump instead of the best grit I've seen this 20 years. I shall not forget-it's worth remembering, I tell you-the way she came here, white and dry eyed, telling me, in the straightest, cool fashion, all she had to fear-facts, not feelings, too, mind you, not a word of surmise or maundering from beginning to end. If courage were a ponderable quality, I swear she'd weigh all of a ton. She's an inspiration. If I can't win her suit outright, I'll keep the thing hanging 20 years or as long as the other side chooses to stand up to the rack."

Judge Graball had the name of being a mighty hard man, one who, it was said, cared for nothing beyond law and the emoluments thereof. Naturally Mr. Payne left him in a state of jubilant amazement. As he went out of the office he encountered Colonel Talbot, with Jack at his elbow, bent, he had no doubt, upon an'errand like his own.

"No use to go there," he said, nodding to the door behind him. "I tried, but Graball snapped me up so I haven't quite got back my breath.

"So he is retained for the other side," Jack said, his face falling. "Well, there are more lawyers in town if none quite 50 good, "

"Oh, you won't need to hunt them!" Mr. Payne said, with a chuckle. "Graball has fallen in love with the case, he says-I believe it's the client-so much in love he might fling you out of the window if you went talking money, as I did."

Rob smiled demusely when she came to know the result of these embassies. Then she said, with dim eyes, looking away to where her father sat in the sun: "Only help we to keep him happy until -until we know the end. That is, more than anything, the very best help you

They had agreed with her and gladly done her bidding. No hint, no whisper, of coming trouble reached the blind man. He knew only that somehow he was happier, had more company and more of friendly sympathy than for some years back. He was glad of it too. He felt himself weakening daily, and as life slipped from him he came to prize more and more the kindly buman contact that gilded his darkness.

Rob was unutterably tender of him. She marked his falling away, but let no voice. Instead she was gay and high with him, full of quips and cranky jests, making a pretense of filching the gold-



"Only help me to keep him happy." pieces from his pocket to console herself for the loss of Mr. Topmark, who, as she reported, had shamelessly deserted her for the mature charms of Miss Mandy Allen. Much as she recoiled from the man, even from mention of him. she knew her father would need some other than the true explanation of why the widower came no longer and seized upon the one nearest at hand.

So she got through the weeks before court sat. Then Mrs. Payne would hear of nothing but that the McGregors should come to them for a fortnight. "Cerintha will love to take care of your father. He delights to hear as she to tell of Brother Walton's perfections," the good lady said, with a mild twinkle, "and we will take you to the courthouse without ever letting the daddy guess what we have been about."

Rob could not speak. She dropped her head on Mrs. Payne's broad breast, and for the first time sobbed hard. But afterward she was docile as a child, even making herself fine without a murmur in the dark green gown, with little touches of gilt, that set off her dark beauty as it deserved, for Mrs. Payne had said when the garment was laid before its wearer, "You must let me do for Helen's daughter a little part of what she would do for mine."

Walking into the courtroom between the gray haired couple, Rob was glad they had taken thought for her. She knew herself the focus of all eyes and rejoiced that the most captious should see her look as became the heiress of JOHNSON & HENDERSON. Roscoe. "My, but don't she walk proud on them little feet?" one spectator said aside to another. '' 'Tain't no wonder he wouldn't eben wipe 'em on Ben

Topmark."
Rob caught the whisper and flushed faintly, drawing a trifle behind her friends. When the three were safely seated, she let her eyes range the courtroom until they fell upon Magnolia Tubbs sitting between Mrs. Annis and her son. It was her first conscious sight of the girl in whose behalf her own right was disputed. Rob had heard vaguely her story, barely enough to know that for some reason or for none the girl was wildly anxious to come into ready money. She had heard, too, of her coarse, luxuriant beauty, her passion for flaming gauds, some hint, too, of her abject, deglike devotion to the brutal bully, Noch Annis. So the heiress of Roscoe had a shrewd comprehension of much that lay under the cards of the

game against berself. Until today she had felt for the girl Magnolia a sort of raging contempt. Ignorance, she had told herself, could in nowise excuse dishonesty. The princi-ples of right were so plain they could not be befogged unless the eyes were willfully blind. "And they know, these people, that their claim is wholly false," she had said. "Roscoe was lawfully bought and liberally paid for. Some enemy, spying out the flaw in our title, a flaw due mainly to my father's kindly justice, has set them on to make it, that in the end the spy may profit by it. I do not name the spy, but think I know very well who he is."

Now, looking across at the other girl, Rob felt a thrill of compassion. Magnolia was deadly pale, so pale as to make ghastly the staring blotches of ronge upon either cheek. Her frock was of dark, gay plaid, with many fluttering ends of ribbon and the crowning glory of a gorgeous sash, but for all its splendor the wearer looked drawn and withered. Her eyes were hollowed. Her stubby fingers worked painfully within their mail of new kid gloves. Most of the time she stared straight in front of her, but now and again she looked in furtive appeal toward Noch, glowering beside her in fine, new clothes.

"Poor thing! She is so afraid of that fellow," Rob said in Mrs. Payne's ear. "Yet she does not look as though she were easily made afraid. She loves him, I think. That is the secret of it."

"Don't look at her, dear. She-she is not the sort you should speak about," Mrs. Payne said, very low. But Rob did not take away her eyes. After a little she whispered further:

"Aunty Payne, I am sorry for the

poor thing, so sorry that if we had it I would give her the money she wants just for admitting the truth that our land is our own. Of course I could not give her Roscoe, not even the tiniest bit, but-but the hunger in her face, not physical, but something I can't define, will haunt me if I cannot find out how to take it away.

"Hush, dear!" Mrs. Payne said, pressing Rob's hand, with a sigh. She knew only too well in what grave peril of loss the girl stood. Even now her husband and other friends were plotting a compromise that would leave the McGregors at least in possession for so long as the blind man lived.

Rob, of course, knew nothing of that, though the lawyer had been too kindly wise to let her underrate the strength of her opponents. "We must fight for delay," he had said, "wear them out. It's almost our only chance. Your father is the only person within reach who could testify to the missing deed's existence and explain why it is missing. Don't think I shall let him do it, though. Even if I were so heartless as to undo in a minute all your brave work through years, it would scarcely be wise. He is so infirm and fanciful. Then, as the real party in interest, his testimony in the law's eye would be tainted, though we and everybody know it would be gospel truth. If I can manage to get the case put over two terms or three-well, my dear, I think a settlement will be mighty near in sight.'

Nobody in Walnut Creek dreamed of questioning that Judge Graball ran things legal pretty much to suit himself. So Rob was reasonably content as she sat at Mrs. Payne's side and took note of Mr. Howell, who, she had heard, was now firmly engaged to Miss Winfold. And Mrs. Winfold, her gossips had assured her, said over it: "I really was mighty sorry fer Jack Talbot, pore fellow! But, then, Alice never had, as you might say incouridged him. Her goin erbout with him had been mostly because his mother was so insistent. Alice never had the least idear of him as er husband, though he wanted her bad, so bad she did but hope he wouldn't go an take ter drink over not gittin her. But no girl couldn't, not ef she had been well raised, think er missin sech er chance as Mr. Howell. Why, it would be flyin in the face er Providence an brother both. Brother never did favor Jack Talbot an was jest de-lighted over Alice's ingagement. Of co'se he had never let on ter the Talbots how he felt-he couldn't, not on account of the sto' an them workin so many niggersbut fer my part I was glad ter let out things. I was so tired er bein perlite jest from the teeth. An then ter think what er romants it was-Mr. Howell fallin in love the very minute he saw Alice! Sech er compliment! Now, ef she couldn't noways do no better—L only Ninesy done as well in marryinwouldn't have nothin more ter wish fer this side er heaven."

Memory of it all brought a shadowy dimple to lurk about Rob's mouth as she sat serenely facing her enemies in court. Mr. Topmark had come in, but did not glance her way. He held stonily aloof, too, from Magnolia, though he answered with a constrained greeting when Noch called jauntily across to him. He looked ill and worn indeed. The wrinkles below the jaw were deeper and his hard, shiny skin unwholesomely red. Rob saw him look eagerly at the line of huddled blacks at the back of the courtroom. Something, she knew not what, moved her to let her eyes also rest there. To her amazement, she saw Aunt Phemy sitting primly

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apart and leaning upon her crotched stick till her face was half hidden.

Until the week before court sat Judge Graball had held to the comforting belief of his world as to his own potency in legal affairs. Then suddenly he was made aware that an elective judiciary sometimes takes account of more things than enter into strictly legal procedure. Judge Waxem of the honorable court was a candidate for re-election, and his only dangerous competitor was peculiarly strong in Walnut Creek-Walnut Creek, which cast 400 votes, 250 of which were safely controlled by Mr. Topmark. All through a heated canvass that gentleman had sat impartially on the fence, but at the eleventh hour he gave out that, "'cordin ter his way er seein things, Judge Waxem come nearer doin right'n any new man could be looked ter hit it, an Waxem'd have his vote an inflocence shore."

So, when the case of Tubbs versus McGregor came up, Judge Graball was not astonished to find that the plaintiff's most serviceable attorney sat in the place of judgment. Do what Graball might. things went at railroad speed. Motions were denied, overruled, set at naught, until he became so defiantly and impudently cheerful those who understood him best felt his case was hopeless, for in the most desperate cases his air of confidence became something superhuman. More than once it had carried the jury his way in the face of law and evidence. But juries are never candidates, needing to regard the sun, the winds, of popular favor. The more Graball maneuvered the more flinty hard grew Judge Waxem's face.

The case had been called in the early afternoon. It still lacked hours of nightfall. Mr. Graball was on his feet speaking against time, indeed, when the judge presiding, who had listened with an air of polite fatigue, as one who tolerates another's babble solely from self respect, yawned behind his hand, then began to say:

"As you have nothing to offer beyond adverse possession, Judge Graball, I think we had as well not waste more time. Mr. Clerk, enter judgment for"-

A stir about the door startled him into pausing a breath's space. Before he could go on there was a hubbub that silenced him. An old woman, hatchet faced, weazened, bent, with skin like brown parchment below a thatch of stiff gray hair, was half leading, half dragging, a tall figure up the aisle toward the bar. At the rail they stopped short. The long figure painfully straightened itself and said in a husky whisper:

'Mammy, ask 'em—ask 'em ef we air in time?"

Noch Annis half sprung upright at sight of the wasted face. His mother drew him back heavily, deeply frowning. Lawyer Howell was on his feet, speaking to the judge, who, as he lis-tened, called sharply:

"Officer, remove these disturbers from the presence of the honorable court."

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Iowa Legislative Adjournment

Des Moines, Ia., May 4.-At the ses sion of the legislature yesterday a joint resolution was passed to the effect that when the legislature adjourn it be to meet again July 1, when the final adjournment will be taken. The constitution provides that extra session laws shall go into effect within ninety days, and this delayed adjournment is to give the annotators and publishers time to get out the new code.

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LAGO BAN _ INDICTED.

Spalding Charged with Embezzlement as Well as Other Offen

Chicago, May 3 .- The grand jury Saturday returned indictments against five men connected with the management of the defunct Globe Savings bank. The men indicted are Charles W. Spalding, president of the bank, and extreasurer of the State University of Illinois; A. D. Avrill, vice president of the bank; Charles E. Churchill, cashler; W. B. Ervin, assistant cashier, and Allison W. Harlan, one of the directors. There twenty-nine indictments in all. Banker Spaiding is included in all the indictments returned and in fourteen f them he is alone. Of the latter thir-teen charge Spalding with embezzle-ment of bonds of the University of IIlinois, and one accuses him of embezzling \$131,000, funds of the university. His total bonds foot up \$90,000. The other men are indicted on fifteen charges, all of them relating to the receiving of

Spalding is charged with embezzlement of state funds and with receiving deposits knowing the bank to be hopelessly insolvent. The other men are charged with the latter offense only. Spalding was on the stand Saturday and frankly admitted that he had hypothecated bonds belonging to the state university, and said that he had been advised to do so by John W. Lanehart, now deceased, but at that time law partner of ex-Clovernor Altgeld. The report of the jury in returning the indictments was very severe in its de-nunciation of the conduct of the bank officials, and said that the statute of limitations was all that prevented the indictment of a number of other men.

INDIANA TOWN ELECTIONS.

A Few Details of the Balloting in Unincorporated Places.

Indianapolis, May 5.-The town elections in this state do not seem to have been significant of political changes. The questions were local for the most part, the tickets usually being labeled "Citizens' "and "People's." In a few of the larger towns, however, the nominations were political. At Converse the Republicans elected over a free silver ticket two to one. At Orleans the offices were divided between the Republican and Citizens' tickets, a gold Democrat being elected upon the latter. At Newport and Albany the Republican tickets were elected throughout, and at Morristown the Republican

majorities were reduced. At Kentland the result was a divislon, the Republicans getting the trustee and treasurer and the Democrats the marshal and clerk. At Rockports the Republican officers were elected, but the Democrats captured the board of trustees. The vote was extremely light throughout, and if anything can be predicted from the results, it is that both parties measure up about as they did in the last campaign.

GREAT FIRE AT PITTSBURG.

Flames Destroy Half a Dozen Big Build-

ings-Loss, \$3,000,000. Pittsburg, May 3.-The greatest fire visiting this city since the memorable one of 1845 started shortly after midnight in the large wholesale grocery establishment of Thomas C. Jenkins, on Penn avenue and Liberty streets, and at 3 a. m. today was still burning flercely. Three large blocks, extending from Liberty to Penn avenue and from Fifth street to Sixth street, have been reduced to smouldering ruins. The loss will reach \$3,000,000, and is well covered by insurance. Among the buildings de-stroyed are Jenkins' wholesale grocery establishment, Horne's six-story dry goods establishment, Horne's building, the Duquesne theatre and the Methodist boock concern. The fire started in the cellar of the Jenkins building, in a pile of barrels filled with waste paper. The flames were discovered by Watchman Hunter while making his rounds on the third floor.

Proceedings in Congress

Washington, May 4.—The senate yes-terday appropriated \$50,000 for the postal congress. Chandler introduced a bill to issue \$50,000 in certificates of indebtedness to meet the revenue deficit. Morgan tried to get a vote on his Cuban resolution, but was blocked by Hale, The free homestead bill was discussed, and an executive session was held.

In the house Simpson attacked Reed

for not appointing the committees and Reed challenged him to bring the issue before the house. Simpson wouldn't and Lewis of Washington did, Dingley assisting in making the issue clear and conclusive, by requiring the speaker to immediately appoint the committee The vote was yeas, 52; nays, 124-33 Democrats voting no. The senate ap-propriation of \$50,000 for the postal congress was concurred in. Adjourned to Thursday.

Washington, May 5.—Outside of the report of the tariff bill in the senate the only business done was the passage of the free homestead bill, and the consideration without action of the sundry civil bill. Aldrich, in reporting the tar-iff bill, said he would call it up on the 18th inst. An executive session was held.

Danger Line Reached at Alton. Alton, Iils., May 3.—The danger line in the Mississippi has been reached, with the gauge standing 24.25 feet above low water mark. The low lands east of here and across the river are submerged, and acres of crops ruined. The Bluff Line tracks are three inches un-der water above the city.